REMARKS

Claims 9-17 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 18-26 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer,

in order to overcome the "double patenting" objection of paragraph 3 of the Office Action. These

changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully

requested.

Conclusion

All objections have been complied with, properly traversed, or rendered moot. Thus, it now

appears that the application is in condition for allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner

is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of

Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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